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Drive Safely in Work Zones

Missouri Department of Transportation

Missouri Work-Zone Safety Tips

In 2000, 15 motorists died and 838 were injured in Missouri work-zone incidents. Of the injured, 45 were MoDOT workers. How can you help reduce these numbers and travel safely?

Plan your trip. Contact MoDOT for lane-closure information.

- Call 1-888-ASK MODOT (275-6636)
- Visit www.modot.state.mo.us
- E-mail us at comments@mail.modot.state.mo.us
- Drop in to your nearest district or area office

Stay alert. Make safety your first priority.

Expect the unexpected. Pay close attention to those all around you and be ready to react to the unusual.

Watch your speed. Obey speed limits and drive more slowly when conditions are less than ideal.

Obey all work-zone signs and watch for workers. They're there to guide you safely through the work zone.

Drive courteously. Merge early, don't tailgate and don't change lanes in a work zone.

Minimize distractions. Turn the radio down and don't use your mobile phone.

Turn on your headlights so others can see you.

Make sure everyone in your vehicle uses a seatbelt or child safety seat. This is not a suggestion. In Missouri, it's the law.

Be patient. Remember today's work zones result in a safer, smoother road tomorrow.

In Missouri, you'll find work zones...

On city, county or state roadways

During the day and at night

While crews work on

- Construction
- Roadway maintenance
- Snow removal and ice prevention
- Mowing
- Bridge inspection
- Utility work
- Emergency repair



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Missouri Work Zone Facts - 2000

In 2000, 1,093 motorists died in work-zone crashes in the United States. This is a 26 percent increase over the 1999 figure.

In Missouri, 15 motorists died and 838 people were injured in work-zone crashes.

Forty-five of the injured were MoDOT employees. Since 1945, 66 MoDOT employees have died as a result of work-zone crashes.

One person was killed or injured in a Missouri work-zone crash every 10.3 hours.

Urban areas account for about 60 percent of work-zone crashes - 40 percent occurred in rural Missouri.

More than 40 percent of all Missouri work-zone crashes occurred on an interstate highway. City streets were the site of 25.4 percent.

More work-zone crashes occur on weekdays than weekends. Most happen during the summer and fall months.

The top four contributing circumstances of Missouri's 2000 work-zone crash total were:

1. Inattention (57.8 percent)
2. Congestion ahead (16.7 percent)
3. Exceeding the speed limit or driving too fast for conditions (15.4 percent)
4. Following too closely (15.4 percent)

The top contributing circumstances of Missouri's work-zone crash fatalities were:

1. Inattention (54.5 percent)
2. Exceeding the speed limit or driving too fast for conditions (36.4 percent)
3. Drinking (27.3 percent)

Between 1996 and 2000, 64 people were killed and 3,918 injured as a result of Missouri work-zone crashes.

YEAR	FATALITIES	INJURIES
2000	15	838
1999	6	752
1998	15	755
1997	18	863
1996	10	710
Totals	64	3,918



For more information, call 1-888-ASK MODOT (275-6636).

Sources:

Missouri Traffic Safety Compendium, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000
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